Dear Harold,

April 16, 1999

Happy (belated) Birthday! I hope you were able to celebrate in some fashion despite all you and Lillian have been through recently. Jerry McKnight has been keeping me informed via e-mail about your recent health set backs.

As Jerry may have told you, Hank-Trang had to have a hysterectomy toward the end of February. Teaching has been busy as usual. One thing that has made this semester more hectic has been dealing with the emergence of a neo-Nazi organization on campus! A Wofford student was discovered to be running a hate web-site on the Internet. Once I found out through some of my students, I had my class on race and ethnic relations do a paper on hate groups and check out this student's racist, anti-Semitic propaganda. Although the administration and some faculty think we should keep quiet about this, my view has been to expose it and confront it as much as possible. It has really stirred up many of the faculty and students which hopefully will lead to a greater awareness of this dark side of our society.

I just recently had printed out a hard copy of Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. I hope to get into it before too long. Clay Ogilvie sent me the disk several weeks ago. Also, enclosed is a blurb about a book I'm sure you have heard about. Disgusting, as usual, unfortunately.

(OVER ↓) Please take care and Best Wishes, Jerry

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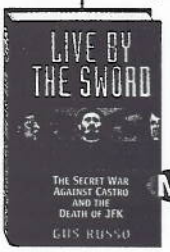

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